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SUBJECT: GERMAN NATIONALITY PROBLEM

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL CALLED ON INSTRUCTIONS OCTOBER 17 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM POSED FOR TOKYO BY FRG OBJECTION TO JAPANESE IMMIGRATION PRACTICE RE WEST GERMANS ENTERING JAPAN. AS HE EXPLAINED IT, GOJ IMMIGRATION FORMS HAVE BOX TO BE FILLED IN SHOWING NATIONALITY OF ENTRANT. GOJ HAS BEEN PUTTING LETTERS FRG IN BOX. FRG EMBASSY IN TOKYO HAS RAISED OBJECTION, SAYING THIS IS IMPROPER ENTRY, AND THAT NATIONALITY SHOULD BE SHOWN SIMPLY AS GERMAN. EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY CAUSE COMPLICATIONS BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMAN VISITORS. HE ASKED IF WE HAD BEEN FACED WITH THIS PROBLEM AND IF SO HOW WE HANDLED IT.

2. DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT FRG AND GDR HAVE DIFFERING
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AND STRONGLY HELD VIEWS ABOUT NATIONALITY PROBLEM, AND

WE HAVE TRIED TO STAY OUT OF THIS ONE ENTIRELY. IN OUR CASE, U.S. ENTRY FORM CALLS FOR DESIGNATION OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP OF ENTRANT, RATHER THAN NATIONALITY OF ENTRANT. WE USE FRG IN ONE CASE AND GDR FOR OTHER, AND SO FAR HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM NEITHER. WE REALIZE

OF COURSE THIS FINESSES RATHER THAN SOLVES PROBLEM BUT WILL CONTINUE DO OUR BEST NOT BE DRAWN INTO THIS PARTICULAR TWO-GERMANY DIFFERENCE OF VIEW. KISSINGER

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